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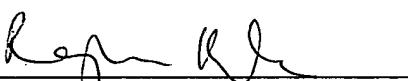
Attn. Examiner Leary

Sir:

In response to the office communication on October 10/30/02 (copy enclosed), Applicants herewith submit a Sequence Listing in computer readable form (CRF). The contents of this CRF copy and the paper copy submitted on July 31, 2002 are the same and no new matter has been added. The CRF copy has been checked with Checker Version 3.1.

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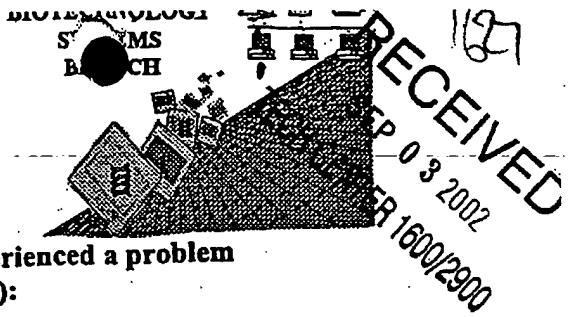
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Examiner Leary faxed a copy of the CRF Problem Report to applicant's representative at (716) 849-0349, on 10/30/02.

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CRF Problem Report

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The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825 for the following reason(s):

1. This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to these regulations, published at 1114 OG 29, May 15, 1990 and at 55 FR 18230, May 1, 1990.
2. This application does not contain, as a separate part of the disclosure on paper copy, a "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c).
3. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e).
4. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has been submitted. However, the content of the computer readable form does not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.822 and/or 1.823, as indicated on the attached copy of the marked-up "Raw Sequence Listing."
5. The computer readable form that has been filed with this application has been found to be damaged and/or unreadable as indicated on the attached CRF Diskette Problem Report. A Substitute computer readable form must be submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.825(d).
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For questions regarding compliance to these requirements, please contact:

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1. The reply filed August 20, 2002 is not fully responsive to the Office communication mailed July 9, 2002 for the reason(s) set forth on the attached Notice to Comply With The Sequence Rules or CRF Diskette Problem Report.

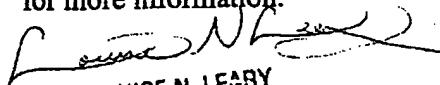
Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSTIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Louise N. Leary whose telephone number is (703) 308-3533. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda Brumback, can be reached on (703)306-3220. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703)308-4556.

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LOUISE N. LEARY
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October 18, 2002